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FM AMEMBASSY GABORONE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2180

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MOPS, RH, BC

SUBJECT: MAY 7 BOTSWANA-RHODESIA BORDER CLASH

1. ACCORDING TO RADIO BOTSWANAN OFFICE OF PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED MAY 9, 1978, THAT ON SUNDAY, MAY 6, A BOTSWANA CITIZEN WAS ABDUCTED FROM THE VILLAGE OF POBE-POBE BY THE RHODESIAN FORCES INTO RHODESIA AND WAS LATER RELEASED AFTER INTERROGATION. ON

SUNDAY, MAY 7, THE BDF PATROL MADE A FOLLOW UP OF THE INCIDENT WHEREBY THEY CAME ACROSS FIVE BLACK RHODESIAN SOLDIERS. UPON CHALLENGE, THE BDF PATROL SHOT ONE DEAD AND WOUNDED ANOTHER, WHO INSPITE OF THE INJURY MANAGED TO ESCAPE WITH THE OTHER SOLDIERS. THE DECEASED WAS TAKEN TO FRANCISTOWN FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES.

2. COMMENT: OFFICE OF PRESIDENT HAS NOT RELEASED WRITTEN PRESS UNCLASSIFIED

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STATEMENT ON THIS INCIDENT AND RELEVANT GOB OFFICIALS ARE SO FAR UNAVAILABLE FOR COMMENT. THIS INCIDENT WITH RHODESIAN SECURITY FORCES FOLLOWS THEIR SHOOTING OF TWO BOTSWANA WOMEN ON APRIL 27TH AS REPORTED GABORONE 1252. NORLAND

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